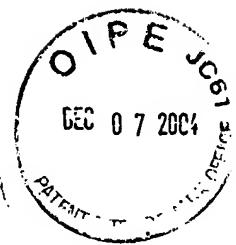


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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is appreciated. However, Applicant does not acquiesce in the Examiner's statement.

First, and most significantly, the Examiner's Statement is silent with respect to the reasons for allowance of claim 46 and it does not explain that the first half of the Examiner's Statement relates to reasons for allowance of claim 1 while the second half of the Examiner's Statement relates to reasons for allowance of claim 45. The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of claim 1 refers to the claim limitation requiring that the feedback circuit feed back the amplified input signal "from at least one of the gain stages" but claim 46 does not require multiple gain stages. It merely requires an amplifier element and the feedback circuit feeds back the amplified input signal from the amplifier element to the main input terminal. Claim 46 is not written, and should not be construed, as requiring multiple gain stages.

Additionally, the Examiner's Statement is understood by Applicant to mean that each of claims 1 and 45 is allowable because the cited references, taken singly or in combination, do not teach or render obvious the subject matter of those claims. No

other conclusion appears warranted. Nothing in the Examiner's Statement is understood to imply any particular construction to any of the independent claims or any element of any of the independent claims. Neither does Applicant concede any construction of any claim or claim element.

Additionally, nothing in the Examiner's Statement is understood to suggest the Examiner has stated all reasons for allowability; just a reason is stated.

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